

## "Bob" Evans Lives

ADMIRAL "BOB" EVANS was all man, all fighter, all loyalty, vigor, vitality, gentleness, tact, and concentrated good sense. He never nagged his superiors or wronged those of lower rank. He never had a political ambition, or engaged in personal rows. He was content with the glory that came to him as a natural result of doing his whole duty, and he took his vacations at sea with his ships—his pleasures with his men and his guns.

Of such stuff is woven the fabric of our nation's glory. Of such blood were the great pathfinders and pioneers, the great sailors and soldiers, the great executives of government. Positive, aggressive, kindly, strong willed, quick of thought and act, sound in knowledge of the laws of nations, fearless in the right, and ever watchful of American rights and the well being of American citizens, this fine old sailor man with the brawny arm and the tender heart has left a record that needs no charitable amending, no erasing, no drawing of the veil.

Irving, in his "Sketch Book," moody with the spell of Westminster Abbey's mausoleum and the ruins of centuries, writes of "Man, who passeth away—whose name perisheth from record and recollection; whose history is as a tale that is told, whose very monument becometh a ruin." But even though the tomb of Robley Evans at beautiful Arlington, which ought to be a shrine for all Americans, should crumble to dust, and the dust be covered into the greenward, it shall never be said of this man that his life is "as a tale that is told." There is no end to a life like his.

What grim humor is in a crumbling monument, if one will see! as if the Great Spirit would visibly prove—half jokingly—the utter futility of any man-made thing, or of any rock or mound or scar, to outlive and outlast the spiritual part of this strange cosmos, this paradox we call the world.

Memory may sleep, but it does not die. The great dead need no monuments; the monuments are for the living—crude symbols they are, to bring the mind of man back to contemplation of the deathless spirit. The influence of that spirit may be hidden, but it, of all created things, is immortal.

The Panhandle cattlemen are going to have the time of their lives when they come to El Paso. The lights will burn all the time, and the latches will be within easy reach.

It is just as well for Mr. Taft that he should bar any attacks on Mr. Roosevelt. They would not help Mr. Taft.

The outlook for the El Paso and Mesilla valleys was never so good as today. Investments never promised better returns.

Douglas is coming into the metropolitan class this year, when the town comes in on that transcontinental railroad.

It is not going to be very many more days until he can write "governor" after W. C. McDonald. All New Mexico wishes him well as the first elected executive of the new state.

Governor-elect George William Paul Hunt is finding that politics is not as easy sailing as selling dry goods and groceries. The pie hunters of Arizona are making life somewhat more than interesting for him.

That new rural phone system is going to do much to help Deming maintain its supremacy as the metropolis of a large farming section. Quick communication and good roads are essential steps to permanent prosperity.

## Prosperity and Copper

NEARLY one-fourth of the world's supply of copper comes from Arizona; and if northern Sonora be included, and southwestern New Mexico, the proportion in a year or two, contributed by the southwestern copper zone, will be nearer a third.

The price of copper is to southwestern prosperity what the price of cotton is to the south, and every quarter cent gradation up or down means immense sums, in the aggregate, won or lost to the southwest. On the whole, at this time, El Paso's prosperity is more directly affected by the price of copper than by any other single commercial factor; and this notwithstanding that only a very few states of copper stock are owned in El Paso, and that the nearest important producing mines are 150 to 400 miles away.

Copper is a staple, as truly as iron and steel, and both in demand and in price variation the dearer metal quite faithfully follows the cheaper. A greater degree of optimism characterizes the iron and steel industry at this time than has been felt for several years. The omen is encouraging.

The proposed arbitration treaties should be considered strictly on their merits, and there is really no need to fear that the United States will ever be drawn into a war with Germany on behalf of England, as a result of such an agreement as the president proposes. The fixed policy of the American nation to keep free from entangling alliances will not be changed in the lifetime of persons now living.

There are those who look for Bryan to be elected president this year. He may be nominated, but that would be playing right into the Republicans' hands, for Bryan could not win any of the closely contested doubtful states.

El Paso is sorry to lose the 23d, but glad to see the cavalrymen able to get into the barracks, out of the cold tents. It is rather a strenuous existence the Fourth cavalry has had for almost a year past, and the boys are entitled to some comforts for a time at least.

One thing sure, El Paso has not "discounted" her hopeful future; the big things ahead have had no perceptible effect on real estate values or general business activity. It is both a good and a bad sign—good because it indicates exceptional stability and conservatism, and bad because it betrays the fact that El Paso has really not quite waked up yet.

## One-Sentence Philosophy

### QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

(Philadelphia Record.)

It is quite natural for a woman to feel unloved when she gets a divorce.

Sillicus—Yes, I am dead in love. Cynicus—Don't you worry. You'll come to life again.

The summer girl who wears her heart on her sleeve must expect to have it pretty well blistered.

Wigg—Honey has such a shrinking disposition. Wagg—Yes, he even wears cheap underwear.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago News.)

Many a man who thinks he is honest because he pays back borrowed money, wouldn't think of returning a borrowed umbrella.

Men can beat women running—except when it comes to running up a bill in a dry goods store.

Set all the thieves to catching thieves and about one-half the world would be continually chasing the other.

You can never tell how a summer girl looked at the breakfast table by the way she looks when she occupies a hammock late in the afternoon.

### JOURNAL ENTRIES.

(Topeka Journal.)

The world has paid much interest in men who have failed.

Fortune really favors more people than it gets credit for.

A spendthrift usually has plenty of time to think it all over.

### WISE AND OTHERWISE.

By the time you have acquired wisdom everybody looks upon you as an old fool.—Puck.

The strongest position in a family argument is to keep a silent tongue.—New York Press.

"And did you enjoy your trip to the country, Miss Clittrub?" "Yes, indeed. What do you think I say? A lot of quails and they were raw!"—Cleveland Leader.

Friend—"I understand, Mrs. Stern, that your daughter has married since we last met." Mrs. Stern—"Yes, she has been divorced." Friend—"Ah! and who is the happy man?"—Boston Transcript.

Corruption has smothered many a love affair.—New York Press.

"After all," said Hi Tragedy, solemnly, "death is the star tragedian." "I don't know," replied Love Comedy; "it always think of him as a low comedian—a mere mimic—because he's always taking someone off."—Catholic Standard and Times.

For one who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity.—Carlyle.

"Yes," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I am sure our garden is going to be a success." "So soon?" "Yes, the chickens have tasted everything and they are perfectly enthusiastic."—Washington Star.

One of the hardest things in this world for a woman to understand is why a man hates to carry an umbrella with a tassel on it.—Dallas News.

Patience—"I hear you're engaged to be married." "Where in the world do you hear that?" "My maid told me." "How did she hear it?" "A policeman told her." "More mystery?" "Why, the man you're engaged to told him when the officer was taking him home."—Lusk's Statesman.

## UNCLE WALT'S Denatured Poem

BREATHE alases and alackses when I must go and pay my taxes. I know it's not the proper spirit, I know, alas, it isn't near it; I ought to smile a smile seraphic, and say: "I like this sort of traffic." I ought to greet the tax collector with joy—not chew the rag and hector and say his course is simply pillage; I should be glad to help the village and pony up my dimes and cents to pay legitimate expenses. My fathers bled and died for freedom and other boons—they thought I'd need 'em—and I'm so ornery and trifling I feel myself just fairly stifling with wrath when I some wealth am burning to keep the country's wheels a-turning! Let common ills round me assemble and my firm nerves shall never tremble! I'll view them with a glance heroic, the men of Spartan or of Stoic, but hear me whoop for battle-axes when I must go and pay my taxes!

TAXES

It is the plan of the chief engineer to begin a concentration of his force as the work goes forward until, when it nears completion, there will be practically a complete abolition of all necessary positions and the whole work will be brought together under the directing office of the chief engineer.

The molding process out of which is to come the permanent canal force is to be begun by the first of next

July. One by one workmen and supervising officials will be laid off. When it is remembered that by the first of May the entire work on the canal will be concentrated upon about 12 miles out of the total of 50, and that this mileage will grow less with each passing month, it will be seen that the size of the force will have to be cut down continually.

By the first of May the last shovelful of material in 37 miles of the canal will have been removed.

Colonel Goethals, the chief engineer, does not expect to stay on the isthmus any longer than is necessary to give a thorough training to the permanent operating force. He will (if congress authorizes him to do it) personally select each man who is to remain in the permanent employ of the government at Panama. He has such a complete system of personal records in hand, covering every detail tending to show the efficiency of each man, that he will have comparatively little difficulty in making his selections.

Of course where there are 10 men of almost equal efficiency and only one position, the problem has its difficulties. The chief engineer will have to be thoroughly to co-ordinate his force and to choose each man with reference to his fitness under the peculiar conditions under which the canal will be operated.

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## MANY WORKMEN WILL BE OUT OF POSITIONS WHEN CANAL IS FINISHED

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By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

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mends a reduction in the salary and wage scale to be applied to the permanent force. He says that the existing salary and wage scale on the canal was made at a time when it was absolutely necessary to pay salaries and wages relatively much higher than those in the United States in order to secure the necessary force. In those days insular conditions on the isthmus were such that heavy inducements had to be offered.

Today those conditions are past, and while it has not been thought wise to make a reduction in the salaries and wages of the construction force, it is felt that there is no reason why the existing scale should be applied to the permanent operating force. The chief engineer seeks to reduce the expense of operation as low as possible, consistent with efficiency.

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## THE GREATEST WOMAN IN THE WORLD

By WINIFRED BLACK.

THE twenty greatest women in the world. It is interesting to read the different people think about them, isn't it?

Now, the greatest woman I ever knew never got into that list at all. And yet it has been my good fortune to know her, and out of twenty of the women in every list I have seen published.

The greatest woman I ever knew was a country school teacher. And she was many things besides.

She was a minister's wife, and she was an invalid, and the minister was poor, and they had a family to bring up, so the minister's wife opened a little school in the little village.

The minister's wife did it all—the queer little, half-formed, half-savage creatures we called children in those days out there in the little village.

And she did her own housework, and often and often I have seen her leave a class in Latin and run into the kitchen to see if the beans were drying out or if the graham bread was ready to set.

And she taught Greek to such of us as could learn it, and mathematics and history, ancient and modern, and the beginning of French, and a little of German, most of all, she taught us a love of learning.

She read to us "The Lady of the Lake," "Ivanhoe," "The Pilgrim's Progress," and she made us an especially thrilling part; and she taught us to love poetry, and to appreciate the fine things that were low and hard things that were evil, and she loved and mothered such of us as were poor, and she made such of us as were worldly, and she encouraged such of us as had ambition, and always she held us to the standard of courage and loyalty, and taught us to